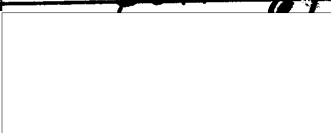


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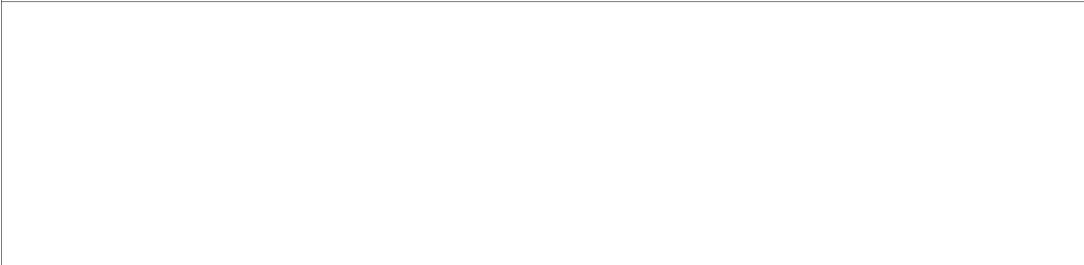
This question is difficult to answer but I believe the Polish Army under Soviet Command would act in the same manner as the Soviet Armies. Regarding the subject of war conduct the Soviets will probably respect the same laws observed by their opponents. Regarding the conventional standards of the international law governing warfare it is a known fact that the Soviets have recognized just about three Hague Conventions but that fortunately they have signed all four Geneva Conventions in 1949.

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In general the Polish internationalists profess and preach humanism in the conduct of war as well as absolute compliance with the International Law of Warfare, whether traditional or conventional.

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The Polish Internationalists are generally of the opinion that the activity of partisans fighting off the invader on their own territory is absolutely justifiable according to International Law. They see a recognition of the lawfulness of guerilla warfare in all four Geneva Conventions of 1949.

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Polish international lawyers are of the opinion that prosecution of war criminals and their exemplary condemnation is a very efficient means for preventing war crimes in the future.

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